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WASHINGTON, DC 20549

Office of Freedom of Information  
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Mail Stop 2736

August 10, 2009

Mr. William Cohan

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Re: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552  
Request No. 09-06502-FOIA

Dear Mr. Cohan:

This letter is an acknowledgment of your FOIA Request dated August 09, 2009, and received in this office on August 10, 2009, regarding Goldman Sachs Lloyd Blankfein Henry Paulson Robert Rubin Stephen Friedman and Jon Corzine.

Your request has been assigned tracking number 09-06502-FOIA. Your request will be assigned to a Research Specialist for processing and you will be notified of the findings as soon as possible. After 20 business days you may contact this office for the status of your request by calling 202-551-8300, or sending an email to [foiapa@sec.gov](mailto:foiapa@sec.gov). Please cite your tracking number if you contact us.

For additional information, please visit our website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov) and follow the FOIA link at the bottom.

Sincerely,

Office of FOIA &  
Privacy Act Operations

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From: william cohan (b)(6)  
Sent: Sunday, August 09, 2009 5:03 PM  
To: foiapa

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to whom it may concern

please consider this an official FOIA request for all documents at the SEC related to all or any of Goldman Sachs, Lloyd Blankfein, Henry Paulson, Robert Rubin, Stephen Friedman and Jon Corzine.

i look forward to hearing from you about fulfilling this request in 20 business days

thank you

william cohan  
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**From:** Luetkenhaus, Jason  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 09, 2009 11:57 AM  
**To:** (b)(6)  
**Subject:** SEC FOIA REQUEST

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Dear Mr. Cohan:

This letter refers to your request, dated August 09, 2009 and received in this office on August 10, 2009, for information concerning Goldman Sachs, Lloyd Blankfein, Henry Paulson, Robert Rubin, Stephen Friedman and Jon Corzine.

Please be advised, a FOIA request should reasonably describe the records sought with sufficient specificity as to names, dates, and subject matter to permit us to locate the requested records.

Your request does not "reasonably describe" the records sought as required by 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(3)(A) and the Commission's implementing rule, 17 CFR 200.80(d)(3). This rule requires that "[e]ach request for Commission records or copies thereof shall reasonably describe the records with sufficient specificity with respect to names, dates and subject matter to permit the records to be located among the records maintained by or for the Commission." The description must be sufficiently specific so that an agency may locate records by examining indices to its record-keeping systems or specifically identifiable files. FOIA does not require an agency to review every document or file in its possession to locate potentially responsive records. See Hudgins v. IRS, 620 F. Supp. 19 at 21 (D.D.C. 1985).

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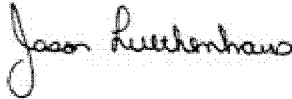
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A request for all documents related to a topic, without any defining parameters or description of the files to be reviewed, is inappropriate. See Massachusetts v. Dep't of HHS, 727 F. Supp. 35, at 36 n.2 (D. Mass. 1989). Agencies are not required under the FOIA to conduct wide-ranging, "unreasonably burdensome" searches for records. See Blackman v. United States Dep't of Justice, No. 00-3004, slip op. at 5 (D.D.C. July 5, 2001).

Moreover, until an agency receives a proper request, i.e., one that reasonably describes the records as FOIA requires, an agency is not obligated to search for responsive records, meet time deadlines, or release any records. See 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(3)(A) and (a)(6)(A). For information on how to properly submit a FOIA request, please visit our website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

If you have any questions, or need assistance in submitting a proper FOIA request, please contact me at (202) 551-8352.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jason Luetkenhaus". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jason" being more prominent.

Jason Luetkenhaus  
Lead Research Specialist  
FOIA/Privacy Act Operations